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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] (b)(1)

THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT HOPING THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD BE
PASSED TO U.S. OFFICIALS.)

2. ACCORDING TO A HIGH-LEVEL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIAL,
COLONEL ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLANDON)), CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL
STAFF, RECENTLY STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT RIGHT WING
SALVADORAN POLITICIANS PLAN TO INITIATE A SLANDER CAMPAIGN
AGAINST HIM AND OTHER KEY SALVADORAN ARMY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE
FOR ARMY STRATEGY AGAINST THE INSURGENTS. IN ADDITION TO
BLANDON, THIRD BRIGADE COMMANDER, COLONEL DOMINGO ((MONTERROSA))
BARRIOS, JOINT GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS CHIEF (C-3),
T COLONEL MIGUEL ANTONIO ((MENDEZ)), AND FOURTH BRIGADE
COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, WILL
BE TARGETS OF THE SLANDER. BLANDON SAID HE IS NOT AWARE OF THE
SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS THAT WILL BE MADE BUT THEIR GENERAL THRUST
WILL BE THAT THESE ARMY LEADERS ARE INEFFECTIVE IN THE
STRUGGLE AGAINST THE INSURGENTS AND SHOULD BE REPLACED BY MORE
AGGRESSIVE COMMANDERS.

3. [REDACTED] BLANDON (b)(1)
SAID THAT IN REALITY THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS NOT (b)(3) NatSecAct

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MILITARY BUT POLITICAL. BLANDON SAID HE BELIEVES THAT NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) POLITICIANS WISH TO ATTACK THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS OF DUARTE WITHIN THE MILITARY OFFICER CORPS TO ENHANCE ARENA'S POSSIBILITIES OF SUCCESS IN THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN MARCH 1985. BLANDON ALSO SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO TAKE NO PUBLIC ACTION TO REFUTE ANY RIGHT WING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIS MILITARY PERFORMANCE.

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